

**DECLARATION OF INVENTORSHIP and
LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled "Divalent Lanthanide Reduction Catalysts," which is described and claimed in Application No. 10/08,749 filed March 20, 2002 for which a patent is sought. My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

I acknowledge my duty under Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a) to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the invention I am claiming.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: [Parent serial no.], filed [Parent filing date], now [Parent status].

As a named inventor and until I assign my rights to the invention, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith on my behalf: Frank J. Uxa, Reg. No. 25,612; Donald E. Stout, Reg. No. 34,493; Robert D. Buyan, Reg. No. 32,460; Kenton R. Mullins, Reg. No. 36,331; Jo Anne M. Ybaben, Reg. No. 42,243; Linda Allyson Fox, Reg. No. 38,883; Kyle D. Yesland, Ph.D., Reg. No. 45,526; Greg S. Hollrigel, Ph.D., Registered Patent Agent, Reg. No. 45,374; and Louise S. Heim, Registered Patent Agent, Reg. No. 32,337, all of the firm STOUT, UXA, BUYAN & MULLINS, LLP,. Send correspondence and direct telephone calls to: Robert D. Buyan, Stout, Uxa, Buyan & Mullins, LLP, 4 Venture, Suite 300, Irvine, CA 92618; telephone (949) 450-1750, facsimile (949) 450-1764, email: rbuyan@patlawyers.com.

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